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FOR AUTOMATICALLY
DETERMINING AN EMBEDDED
RUNOUT CORRECTION
THRESHOLD"

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from September 15, 2004 to December 15, 2004.

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